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Food Service Sector in Cuba

The Republic of Cuba is the fastest growing and second-most visited tourist destination in the Caribbean. Cuba reported 1.8 million tourists in 2000, a growth rate of 11 percent over the previous year. The Dominican Republic had 2.4 million tourists and a growth rate of 8 percent over the previous year. Tourism is the largest industry in Cuba, accounting for an estimated $2 billion in revenue in 2000. The hotel, restaurant and institutional sector is an estimated $100 million market served by European, Canadian, Mexican and Latin American products. All imports are subject to duties, typically less than 20 percent for food products. Canada and France are the major suppliers of poultry.

Source: USDA/FAS

EU Repeals Requirements for Additional Testing on U.S. Beef

In a press release on February 20, the European Commission lifted the requirement for additional testing on hormone free beef from the U.S. In September 1999 the EU suspended random testing for U.S. beef after it found traces of growth hormones in beef labeled hormone-free. In September 2000 the EU testing requirements were lowered from 100 percent to 20 percent. Today's decision reduces the testing requirements to the random residue testing system which is performed on beef imports from any third country.

Source: http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start

Japan Reopens Market to U.S. Poultry

On February 22 the USDA announced that Japan had lifted its ban on U.S. poultry and poultry products from all states except Pennsylvania and Maine. Poultry or poultry products that transit Pennsylvania or Maine are also prohibited.

Previously certified poultry and poultry products from eligible states will be accepted by Japan if an "In Lieu of" certificate is issued with the following statements or the following statements are provided on a separate FSIS Letterhead Certificate:
"The live poultry used for the production of the exported poultry meat did not originate from Pennsylvania or Maine and did not pass through Pennsylvania or Maine before being carried into poultry processing plants. To the best of FSIS' knowledge, the poultry meat did not transit Pennsylvania or Maine before leaving the United States.

Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/explib.htm and USDA News Release

FAO Meat and Meat Products Outlook

Global meat production grew by 1 percent in 2001 to 237.1 million metric tons, with increased output of poultry compensating for constrained production of beef and pigmeat. Escalating concerns about animal diseases and food safety outside the EU contributed to one of the first estimated declines in global per capita meat consumption in nearly 30 years. For 2001 beef consumption was estimated 2.6 percent lower while beef production dropped 1 percent and global trade slide 5 percent. Japan is the world's largest beef importer, on average accounting for 20 percent of global imports. BSE outbreaks in Japan are estimated to have reduced its beef consumption and imports by 8 and 13 percent, respectively. Strong demand for poultry meat and rising product prices, combined with stable input costs for poultry producers in many countries, pushed up poultry output 3 percent in 2001 to 69.4 million tons. Global per capita consumption inched up slightly, from 11.2 to 11.3 kilograms per capita.

Poultry Meat Production

	1999	2000	2001	2002
	.... Million tons - CWE			
World	65.2	67.6	69.4	71.7
Africa	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.3
S. Africa	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0
N & C Am	19.7	20.3	20.7	21.2
Canada	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0
Mexico	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.1
USA	16.0	16.5	16.7	17.1
So. Am	8.9	9.6	9.9	10.3
Argentina	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Brazil	5.6	6.1	6.4	6.7
Asia 1/	21.2	22.0	22.6	23.4
China	11.2	11.7	11.9	12.3
Japan	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Thailand	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.5
Europe 2/	11.7	11.9	12.4	12.6
EU (15)	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.3

CWE – carcass weight equivalent
1/ Including CIS countries in Asia
2/ Including Baltic States and CIS countries in Europe

Consumer preferences for poultry prompted global poultry trade to increase 4 percent in 2001 to 7.6 million metric tons, pushing up poultry's share of global meat trade to 44 percent. In China, one of the largest poultry markets, avian flu problems limited exports, which resulted in excess supplies and lowered domestic prices. A strong recovery in the Russian Federation market and high demand from the European Community more than compensated for lower Asian imports. To meet growing demand in these markets, shipments from Brazil surged almost 25 percent, pushing up exports as a share of production from 15 percent in 2000 to an estimated 19 percent in 2001 while significant export gains were reported by the U.S. and Thailand.

A recovery in meat production and consumption is expected in 2002, with output forecast up 2 percent to 243 million tons. Much of the recovery is likely to be concentrated in the poultry and pigmeat sectors with output forecast to be up 3 percent and 2 percent, respectively, in response to stable feed prices and producer returns.

Source: FAO Food Outlook

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Feb 16, 2002			Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	344	191	1,927	822
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	22	0	22
Total	344	213	1,927	844

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Feb 16, 2002			Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	212	149	650	821
Frozen	58	46	400	148
Dried	93	27	316	67
Total	363	222	1,366	1,036

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending Feb 16, 2002			Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	120	200	360	930
Large	800	1,790	5,059	11,261
Medium	1,380	1,110	3,860	2,160
Ungraded	0	750	0	9,810
Misc	900	0	966	1,687
Total	3,200	3,850	10,245	25,848

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 16-Feb-02

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,719	1,186	2,905
LAST WEEK	1,862	1,249	3, 111
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,585	1,487	3,072
TO-DATE/2002	12,688	8,839	21,527
TO-DATE/2001	12,634	8,884	21,518

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	345	12	357
LAST WEEK	455	0	455
SAME WEEK YR AGO	557	21	578
TO-DATE/2002	2,448	20	2,468
TO-DATE/2001	3,776	48	3,824

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,064	1,198	3,262
LAST WEEK	2,317	1,249	3,566
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,142	1,508	3,650
TO-DATE/2002	15,136	8,859	23,995
TO-DATE/2001	16,410	8,932	25,342

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

22-FEB-2002

CHICKEN —— PRICES ———— VOLUME —— (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES ———— VOLUME —— (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-17.00	13.00	183,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.67	13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.50	1,693,200	448,800
WTD AVERAGE	10.64	11.57		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

22-FEB-2002

CHICKEN —— PRICES ———— VOLUME —— (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES ———— VOLUME —— (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-16.00	12.75-15.00	1,226,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.68	13.73		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-15.00	10.00-13.50	1,988,000	316,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.01	11.97		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 FEBRUARY 2002.

The trade sentiment on tom breast meat was steady to weak, destrapped tenderloins steady, balance of white meat steady to to barely steady, mostly barely steady. White meat demand ranged from instances fair on destrapped tenderloins to light on the balance of items. Some processors were starting to note increased interest in fresh tom breast meat and further processed items, however, supply still exceeded demand on both accounts. The undertone on thigh meat was fully steady as the fair to good export demand moved inventories into a better balanced situation. The mechanically separated turkey market was mostly sluggish, however, some spot demand and strength was noted in the West. Trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light to fair. Fresh wing meat traded at 80-84 most 82, plant grade non-basted 12-14 and 16-18 lb. breasts 98, and breast meat pieces at 111-114, mostly 113 cents delivered domestic. Tom necks traded at 18 and dark trim at 26 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2002

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.50-30.00		29.88	344	29.94	704
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.00		26.00	104	26.00	184
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.00		28.00	156	29.17	312
TAILS	28.00		28.00	24	28.00	24
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	10.00		10.00	208	10.83	288
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.50-62.00		61.17	808	60.84	2,184

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2002

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	26.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	104
TAILS		F	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	13.00		13.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00-60.50		59.98	408

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2002

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	26.00		26.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	52
TAILS		F	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	10.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-63.00		61.37	704

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2002

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	52
TAILS		F	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	10.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00-61.00		59.80	264

*****NOTICE*****

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2002

NO REPORT ISSUED DUE TO PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.